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Types List --- 1928

THE VANDERBILT HYBRID DELPHINIUMS

(Illustrated "Message" on request)



THE VANDERBILT DELPHINIUMS are definitely a pure bred strain, ALL derived from crosses of the native *D. scopolorum* for form and resistance, x Burbank strain for finest color variation; and a section x *D. cardinalis* for vividly enriching clearest blues and aiming for an ultimate red flowering plant. The experiments on variation began in 1912. The first 100 numbers were reserved for named plants of 10 qualities each. Successive century numbers up to 10,000 have been given markedly distinctive types as bases from which merit reselections bear the relative serial numbers. Thus Type 100 with "Dr. R. I. Moore" as base gives a packet from 10-100 most closely resembled plants thereto in color and habit, whilst each year sees substitutions in that series of even better average merit. The same type number in successive years, therefore gives better and better averages in parent plant seeds to type. While the bulk of our seeds go to several large seed firms and innumerable nursery and cut-flower growers in U. S., Canada, and abroad, we have from the beginning enabled garden folks to obtain specialties to parent color, etc., with slightly added price for special handling. But in spite of regularly doubling our output, since we reserve only 20% of best things for specialties order, the supply is soon exhausted. ALL other stocks go into mixtures to protect the standard for larger purchasers. Pre-season reservation, (money when notified), will in large part enable former patrons (who receive this list first) to obtain limited stocks of our specialties. Our stock of new seeds are in fair variety by July 1st and progressively complete about August 15th, according to season. Many special growers indicate a color preference, numbers of plants desired, state an approximate sum, and allow us to pro rate the types as available,—where more than packet lots are required. We send seeds to any part of the world and guarantee viability test on arrival. **Let us send a foreign friend a 50c selections packet for you.**

Heights are average here. We seldom irrigate until buds form. Otherwise many will grow to eight feet with shorter spikes. All are double or semi-double, mainly light bees, and ruffled and irridiscent.

Plants 1-99, named. 34 plants, 10 rated qualities each.

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| 100 | Dr. R. I. Moore base. | Soft pastel blue, one pink inner petal; | 4 feet |
| 200 | Pauline Vanderbilt base. | Aster petalage, double rosettes, pink tinted light blue; | 5 feet |
| 300 | | Larger flowered, taller selections, doubled of type 100; longer spikes; pink-blue; | 5 feet |
| 400 | Poessel's Pink base. | Nearest clear pinks; | 4-5 feet |
| 500 | | Large flowered, beginnings of later type 5500. Variable pink-blue | 4 feet |
| 600 | Mrs. Minnie Quest base. | General collection pure selfs in mauve, lilac, lavender, mouse, and light to deepest blue-purple. Some singles; | 4-6 feet |
| 700 | Ethyl Moore base. | Rosette, light blue, inner mauve, rich brown bee; | 5 feet |
| 900 | | Deepest shades, D. cardinales doubles, some selfs, or splashed or shaded pure crimson; | 4-5 feet |
| 1000 | Cathedral Spires base. | Single sky-ivory, faintly tinted rose; very long, erect symmetrical spikes; | 5-6 feet |
| 1100 | | Selected finest singles, mixed; | 5-6 feet |
| 1400 | | Indicated new charges in form. Cannot foretell results in seedlings; | 5 feet |
| 1500 | Lord Kitchener base. | Exquisite clear sky or turquoise, finely doubled, light bee. We believe the first doubles in this color; | 5 feet |
| 1600 | | Singles of D. cardinalis. A distinct variation in enormous spikes in medium, light or tinted blues. None deep. Extreme vigor; | 6 feet |
| 1700 | | Exquisite preference in deep blue with inner plum purple. A D. cardinales specialty. Fine spikes; | 4 feet |
| 1800 | | Finest ruffled selections; light blue; tinted and iridescent; | 5 feet |
| 2000 | | Light blue, dark bees; singles; | 5 feet |
| 2100 | Debutante base. | Rounded flower, light blue ivory tints; | 5 feet |
| 2200 | | Singles in clear sky blue or belladonna shade; | 5-6 feet |
| 2500 | Mrs. Martha Phillips base. | From type 1700 but fine fuchsia purple inner, deep blue outer; | 4 feet |
| 3500 | Nellie C. Schlosser base. | Tall, long spikes with completed inner row of type 100; | 6 feet |
| 3600 | | Inimitable "tinted glass" effects in light blues, rose shaded; | 6 feet |

- 3800 Thickest petals, selections for lasting. Light.
Limited stock; 5 feet
- 3900 From a dwarfed No. 498 plant, now tall, long
spikes, thick petals, semi-double, pink - blue
Fragrance first started in this type; 6 feet
- 4100 The "Divider" base. Nearest to perfection in
original aims. Tall, slender, wiry stalk;
long, loose spikes, doubled; light and medium
tinted blues; 6 feet
- 4200 Retained specials in compact, candle-like spikes
of rare beauty, tinted light blue; 6 feet
- 4300 **Lillian Murray base.** Leader of all in sheer
beauty. Poor seeder. Long spike, semi-
bee; light blue shades to rose center; 6 feet
- 4900 Glorified type 100; tall, large flowered and
flamed instead of shaded pink on light blue; 6 feet
- 5300 **John W. Schlosser base.** A marked D. car-
dinalis sport. Large flowered, vividly bright
deep blue and crimson; 5 feet
- 5500 **Minnie T. Fallon base.** A new progeny suc-
cession strain of flowers up to 3½ inches; im-
mense spikes and vigor. Built up for special
structure characters of plant in four genera-
tions; 7 feet
- 5600 Deep blue, tinted purple, white bee, large; 5 feet
- 6000 **Lillian Quandt base.** Exquisite cutting singles,
light blue, pink shaded wing petals; 5 feet
- 6800 Clearest deep blue singles. Vari bees; 5-6 feet
- 7300 Beginnings of Burbank Memories type (8100).
Loose, open light blue with clear pink inners,
semi bee'd; 5 feet
- 7700 **Mrs. John Sterling base.** Fine fluffy rosette,
light blue and mauve; 6 feet
- 7800 **Billy Vanderbilt base.** Tall medium blue and
mauve. Fine; 6 feet
- 8100 **Samarkand base.** Rarely beautiful, semi-dou-
ble, clear pink shaded blue. Exquisite; 4 feet
- 8300 **Mrs. Francis King base.** Clear self; deep blue
doubles; light eye. Sun resistant; 5 feet
- 8500 Selections of finely imbricated types as pic-
tured. Ruffled, light blue-pink, iridescent,
light bees; 5 feet
- 9400 **Mrs. N. F. Vanderbilt base;** large flowered aster
petalage; perfect rosette; 5 feet
- 9500 New selections listed for classifying; 6 feet
- 10,000 Maximum average toward perfect plants in 10
qualities, made up from all types; 5-6 feet

SUPPLIES LIST

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- (1) **Vanderbilt Hybrids**, 8000 tested selections (not merely a field seeds collection) from about 160,000 grown here in a pure bred strain. For nursery, cut bloom and large plantings this gives universal satisfaction and several largest seed firms distribute it. Light or dark shades increased at request. Ounce, \$3.50; trade packet, 500 seeds, 50c. Special shades to order.
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